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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - INTERIOR DEPARTMENT
LEASE SALE IN THE GULF OF MAINE AND US-CANADA MARITIME
NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE APPROVED FOR
DEPARTMENT'S MID-DAY PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 30. QUESTION
DID NOT ARISE.

2. BEGIN TEXT

Q: WHY DID STATE ASK INTERIOR TO WITHDRAW TRACTS FROM ITS
LEASE SALE IN THE GULF OF MAINE?

A: THE JANUARY 27 LETTER FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER
TO SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ANDRUS, WHICH WE HAVE MADE
PUBLIC, EXPLAINS THE SITUATION. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
PROTESTED THAT UNILATERAL US ACTION IN THIS AREA COULD
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PREJUDICE THE MARITIME BOUNDARY AND RESOURCE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH CANADA WHICH ARE NOW IN THEIR FINAL STAGES. THE US
NEGOTIATOR, LLOYD CUTLER, ASKED THAT TRACTS BE REMOVED FROM
THE INTERIOR SALE SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE NEGOTIATIONS
AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO AGREE
TO DO THIS.

Q: DOES THE US ACTION MEAN THAT WE THINK THE TERRITORY COVERED BY THE TRACTS WHICH WERE DELETED BELONGS TO CANADA?

A: NO. WE CONSIDER THAT AREA TO BE CLEARLY SUBJECT TO US SOVEREIGNTY, BUT WE FELT THAT A LIMITED DELAY IN THE SALE OF THESE TRACTS IS JUSTIFIED IF THIS WILL HELP ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL INVOLVE A COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION OF OUR MARINE BOUNDARIES WITH CANADA AND RELATED FISHING AND HYDROCARBON RESOURCES. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES ANY FURTHER AS THESE ISSUES ARE STILL UNDER ACTIVE NEGOTIATION.

Q: THE NEGOTIATORS WERE SCHEDULED TO REPORT THEIR RESULTS BY JANUARY 31. WILL THEY MEET THIS DEADLINE?

A: NO. THEY HAVE REQUESTED A SHORT EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK. I UNDERSTAND THEY ARE MAKING PROGRESS BUT A FEW DIFFICULT ISSUES REMAIN UNRESOLVED ON BOTH COASTS. THE NEGOTIATORS ARE HOPEFUL THEY CAN CLOSE THESE GAPS BUT CONSIDER THAT A LITTLE MORE TIME IS NEEDED FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. END TEXT. VANCE

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